



Friends of the Morrill Memorial Library Newsletter

Friendly Notes

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Happy New Year 2010!

Can it really be 2010 already? I've said it before and I'll say it again, I'm stunned not only by how quickly the time seems to go by, but also by how much the Friends achieve each year! It's nice to pause as a new year begins to look back at what we've done and look forward to the year ahead.

As in years past, the Friends took part in Norwood Day 2009, setting up a table, handing out information and enjoying the opportunity to get out the word about our group and what we do. It started out as a chilly day but our spirits were warmed by the chance to interact with the greater Norwood community and talk up why we value our library so much.

Continuing another great Friends tradition, we held our semi-annual, weekend-long Book Sale in November. And once again, as a special benefit to the Friends, we offered a "secret" pre-sale day on Friday. While we generally only advertise for Saturday and Sunday, those who keep up with our newsletter knew that they could come Friday afternoon and have the first crack at the selection. I'm also happy to report that, thanks to lots of donations this time around, that selection was especially rich! We had a wide array of fascinating books not to mention books on tape, CD's, DVD, and VHS tapes. As a result, we were able to raise a near record-breaking amount for the library!

It's not all about raising money for our beloved library, though. It's also about using that money to fund programs and materials for the benefit of it's patrons and the greater community. This year we

donated over \$7000 to the library for adult and childrens programs, a film license, and money to purchase audio-visual materials such as DVDs, music, and books on CD. We also sponsored or co-sponsored many events, including the Food For Thought Programs in the Fall of 2009. The programs ranged from a wonderfully fun and informative History of Pie to a lively discussion of the book *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver.

In 2010, we look forward to more quality programs and opportunities to support the library. We're excited to let you know about our next author, Michael Tougias, author of *The Finest Hours*, who will be joining us at our upcoming annual meeting on January 21. On April 8, we welcome Margot Livesy, author of such books as *The House on Fortune Street*. And don't forget to drop by our next Book Sale on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday May 2. As a member of the Friends you can also come early once again on Friday April 30 at 3pm.

Here's to a wonderful 2010 for you and yours!

Dan Corzilius
President

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Welcome Jean Todesca!

Jean Todesca joined the Norwood staff on January 7, 2010 as the new Assistant Children's Librarian. She previously spent 10 years as both a Children's and a Reference librarian in Medfield. Ms. Todesca received her master's degree in Library Science from Simmons College in 2004. We wish her many happy years here.

First Thursday Book Group

The First Thursday Book Discussion Group meets at 10am and 7:30pm in the Simoni Room on the First Thursday of each month from October through May. Come and meet new friends and enjoy a lively discussion about the book of the month.



Holiday Wrapping: Friends of the Library board members (left to right) Debbie Lipton, Joanne Warren, Ann Foley, Eileen Flood, and Martha Colamaria wrapped Hanukkah and Christmas gifts for patrons of Barnes & Noble in December. All proceeds were donated to the Norwood Library Literacy Program.

Margot Livesey at Spring Author's Night April 8



The Friends of the Library present Margot Livesey, local author on Thursday April 8, 7:30-9:00pm. Please call the library at 781-769-0200 to register for this free event! Margot Livesey grew up in a boys' private school in the Scottish Highlands where her father taught, and her mother, Eva,

was the school nurse. After taking a B.A. in English and philosophy at the University of York in England she spent most of her twenties working in shops and restaurants and learning to write. Her first book, a collection of stories called *Learning By Heart*, was published by Penguin Canada in 1986. Since then Margot has published six novels: *Homework*, *Criminals*, *The Missing World*, *Eva*

Moves the Furniture, *Banishing Verona* and *The House on Fortune Street*.

Margot has taught at Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brandeis University, Carnegie Mellon, Cleveland State, Emerson College, the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Tufts University, the University of California at Irvine, the Warren Wilson College MFA program for writers, and Williams College. She has been the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the N.E.A., the Massachusetts Artists' Foundation and the Canada Council for the Arts. Margot is currently a distinguished writer in residence at Emerson College. She lives with her husband, a painter, in Cambridge, MA, and goes back to London and Scotland whenever she can.

Alice Sebold says, "Every novel of Margot Livesey's is, for her readers, a joyous discovery. Her work radiates with compassion and intelligence and always, deliciously, mystery."

The Coast Guard's Finest Hours

Hear Michael J. Tougias talk about his book *The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue* on Thursday January 21 at 7pm. To register for this free event, call the library at 781-769-0200 or sign up at the circulation desk.

In the winter of 1952, New England was battered by the most brutal nor'easter in years. As the weather wreaked havoc on land, the freezing Atlantic became a wind-whipped zone of peril.

In the early hours of Monday, February 18, while the storm raged, two oil tankers, the Pendleton and the Fort Mercer, found themselves in the same horrifying predicament. Built with "dirty steel," and not prepared to withstand such ferocious seas, both tankers split in two, leaving the dozens of men on board utterly at the Atlantic's mercy.

The Finest Hours is the gripping, true story of the valiant attempt to rescue the souls huddling inside the broken halves of the two ships. Coast Guard cutters raced to the aid of those on the Fort Mercer, and when it became apparent that the halves of the Pendleton were in danger of capsizing, the Guard sent out two thirty-six-foot lifeboats as well. These wooden boats, manned by only four seamen, were dwarfed by the enormous seventy-foot seas. As the tiny rescue vessels set out from the coast of Cape Cod, the men aboard were all fully aware that they were embarking on what could easily become a suicide mission.

The spellbinding tale is overflowing with breathtaking scenes that sear themselves into the mind's eye, as boats capsize, bows and sterns crash into one another, and men hurl themselves into the raging sea in their terrifying battle for survival.

Not all of the eighty-four men caught at sea in the midst of that brutal storm survived, but considering the odds, it's a miracle – and a testament to their bravery – that any came home to tell their tales at all.

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Spring Book Sale: May 1-2, Preview Apr 30

Mark you calendars - the next book sale will be held on Saturday May 1 from 9am-5pm and Sunday, May 2, from 2pm-5pm. Donations are welcome! We need books in good condition which are five years old or less. Please – no magazines, text books, condensed books or computer manuals. We also would like videos, DVDs, and CDs (music or spoken word). Help is always needed setting up for the sale Friday morning, April 30. Call the library, 781-769-0200 x100 to volunteer.

Current members of the Friends of the Library are invited to a sneak preview sale on Friday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm.

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Upcoming Events at the Norwood Library

Thursday January 21, 7pm

Friends Semi-Annual Meeting.
Author Michael Tougias will share the true story behind one of the U.S. Coast Guard's most daring sea rescues from his new book *The Finest Hours*. Co-sponsored by the Arts Council.

Thursday February 11 at 7:30pm

Hot Hairstyles of the 1800s to Today's Daring Dos. An entertaining and informative evening with local historian and geneologist Maureen Taylor who will talk about today's hairstyles--from Adam Lambert's spikes to Any Winehouse's pile-high beehive. These may seem unique but are acutally rooted in history.

Tuesday February 16, 11am-Noon

Higgins Armory presents "A Knight's Tale." An engaging program on Knights, their arms and armor. Armor from the museum will be on display and a description of the historical times will educate and entertain. For grades K and older.

Thursdays March 11, 18 & 25, 7pm

Audrey Hepburn film series will show 3 of her memorable films.

Thursday April 8, 7:30pm

Author Margot Livesy will discuss her writing and entertain questions from the audience. She is a

distinguished writer in residence at Emerson College and the author of *Criminals* and *The House On Fortune Street*.

Friday April 30 3-5pm

Saturday May 1, 9am-5pm

Sunday May 2, 2pm-5pm

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale. Support the library by attending the sale or making a book donation.

Scrabble Tuesdays

Adult Scrabble Group meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm. For grades 3-8, the younger scrabble group meets every Tuesday at 7pm.

Please register for all programs by calling the library, 781-769-0200.